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New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Examiners

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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

> > Administrative Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF

CONSENT ORDER

RAYMOND J. VALENTIN

GRANTING LICENSURE

WITH PROBATION

AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK

THERAPIST

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Raymond J. Valentin for certification by the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee. As of September 4, 2012, pursuant to P.L. 2007, c. 377, "the Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act," all applications for certification have been converted to applications for licensure by the Board. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history

background check, it was ascertained by the Board that the applicant had been arrested six times, with the latest arrest on March 13, 2010, resulting in a conviction on charges of resisting arrest on May 11, 2010, for which he was sentenced to one year probation, and required to pay a total of \$255.00 in fines and assessments. In 2003, Mr. Valentin was convicted of a local ordinance violation after being charged with shoplifting; in 2004, an arrest for assault was dismissed; in 2005, the applicant was arrested for marijuana possession, with the charges dismissed following admission into a diversionary program; in 2008, an arrest for assault resulted in a fine of \$280.00; and in 2010, an arrest for assault was dismissed. The applicant disclosed his arrest/conviction history on his application, and expressed remorse for what he termed "the foolish things that a young man does."

The Board finds that the applicant's arrest/conviction history, taken as a whole, relates adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). However, although the Board is concerned that the 2010 conviction is relatively recent, it finds the applicant's expression of remorse credible.

Thus the Board finds that granting the applicant's request for licensure is appropriate under the circumstances, and that licensure upon the terms indicated in the within Order are

appropriate and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

Accordingly

IT IS ON THIS  $24^{\mu}$  DAY OF Apri, 2013 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Mr. Valentin's application for licensure shall be granted, upon his demonstration that he has satisfied other licensure requirements, if he has not already done so. Mr. Valentin shall be placed on probation for a period of two years, dating from the filing of this Order. The conditions of probation are set forth below.
- 3. Mr. Valentin shall report to the Board within five (5) business days of occurrence, any arrest, indictment or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense.
- 4. Mr. Valentin shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State or jurisdiction in which he practices massage and bodywork therapy.
- 5. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that the applicant has violated any term of this Order, Mr. Valentin's license may be

automatically suspended by the Board. Mr. Valentin, upon notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding Mr. Valentin was materially false.

6. At the end of the term of probation, Mr. Valentin may petition the Board in writing for release from the terms of this Order. In the event that there have been no arrests or convictions for violations of law or regulations pertaining to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy during the period of probation, the Board may then grant such a petition by means of a written communication, without need for further Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

Bv:

Deborah Overholt

Chairperson

I have read and understand the Within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Raymond J. Valentin